

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ERADICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to modify the guidelines for NGO participation in fighting tuberculosis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the deliberations made in the first National Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations battling tuberculosis; and
- (d) whether the Non-Governmental Organisations participated in the said conference had demanded for more support from the Government for eradicating tuberculosis and remove the prejudices attached to it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) & (b) NGO guidelines were framed only about a year ago and are still at initial stage of implementation. At present there is no proposal for modifying guidelines for NGO participation in fighting tuberculosis.
- (c) & (d) The National Conference of Non Governmental Organisations for participation in National Tuberculosis Control Programme, was held on 13.01.2001 in Delhi. The highlights of deliberations made therein are as under:
1. Bond between Government and NGOs should be strengthened.
 2. Interested NGOs can submit proposal for development of IEC modules and proposals can be financed according to merit.
 3. IEC activities should be more in slum areas and NGOs wanting to adopt slums should be given preference.
 4. Efforts should be undertaken by NGOs, particularly women's groups, to work for women's empowerment and these groups should be encouraged.
 5. NGOs working for RNTCP schemes can suggest measures for the improvement of schemes based on their operational experiences.
 6. To avoid duplication, NGOs should concentrate their activities in areas where Government facilities are less.